GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Kanyakumari-Kolkata Coastal Highway
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to extend the coastal highway from Kanyakumari to Kolkata through the eastern coast of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received a proposal to connect Kolkata-Mumbai with NH-66; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated expenditure and time schedule therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) and (b) The stretch from Kolkata to Chennai, from Puducherry to Nagappatinam and from NH-44 near Karungulam to Kanyakumari are already connected by existing National Highway (NH)network.

The Ministry has taken up detailed review of NHs network with a view to develop the road connectivity to Border areas, development of Coastal roads including road connectivity for Non-Major ports, improvement in the efficiency of National Corridors, development of Economic Corridors, along with integration with Sagarmala, construction / rehabilitation / widening of major bridges and Railway Over Bridges (ROBs) / Railway Under Bridges (RUBs) on NHs, connectivity Improvement Program for Char-Dham (Kedarnath, Badrinath, Yamunothri & Gangothri in Uttarakhand) etc., under proposed new programmes. The proposal, inter-alia, includes development of stretches connecting Chennai- Puducherry and Nagappatinam-Vedaranniyam-Tagattur-Manalmelkudi-Mimisal-Tondi-Tuticorin-Kayalpattinam-Tiruchendur-Karungulam near NH 44.

(c) and (d) The Ministry keeps on receiving proposals from various State Governments for declaration of State roads as new NHs from time to time. The Ministry considers declaring some State roads as new NHs from time to time based on the requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds. No separate funds are sanctioned/ allocated for development of such new NHs at the time of their declaration as new NHs.

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